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Main Entry: **1iso-late**

Pronunciation: 'I-s&-ˈlāt also 'i-

Function: *transitive verb*

Inflected Form(s): **-lat-ed; -lat-ing**

Etymology: back-formation from *isolated* set apart, from French *isolé*, from Italian *isolato*, from *isola* island, from Latin *insula*

**1** : to set apart from others; also : **QUARANTINE**

**2** : to select from among others; *especially* : to separate from another substance so as to obtain pure or in a free state

**3** : **INSULATE**

- **iso-la-tor** /-ˈlā-t&ɜː/ *noun*

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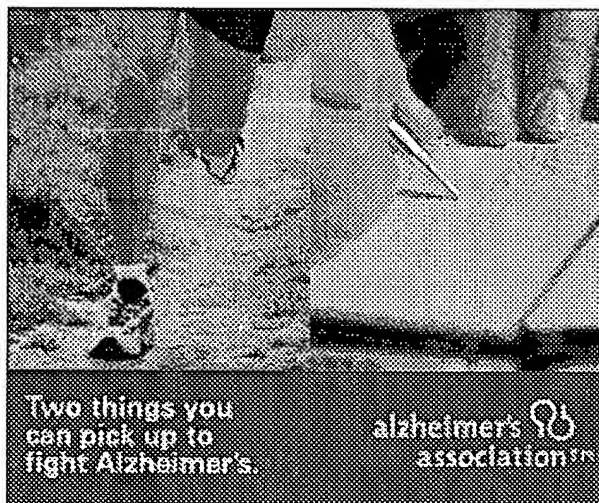
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Main Entry: **in·su·late**

Pronunciation: 'in(t) -s&- 'lāt

Function: *transitive verb*

Inflected Form(s): **-lat-ed; -lat-ing**

Etymology: Latin *insula*

: to place in a detached situation : **ISOLATE**; *especially* : to separate from conducting bodies by means of nonconductors so as to prevent transfer of electricity, heat, or sound

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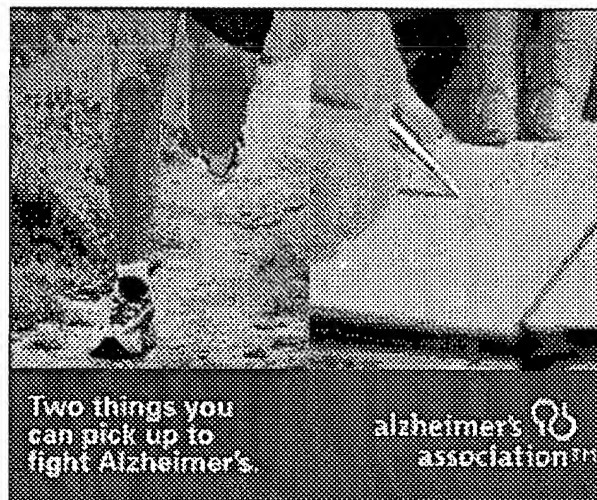
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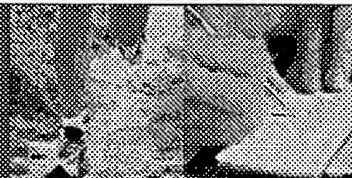
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Main Entry: **2con·duct**

Pronunciation: k&n-'d&kt also 'k&n-'d&kt

Function: *verb*

*transitive senses*

**1** : to bring by or as if by leading : **GUIDE** <conduct tourists through a museum>

**2 a** : to lead from a position of command <conduct a siege> <conduct a class> **b** : to direct or take part in the operation or management of <conduct an experiment> <conduct a business> <conduct an investigation> **c** : to direct the performance of <conduct an orchestra> <conduct an opera>

**3 a** : to convey in a channel **b** : to act as a medium for conveying or transmitting

**4** : to cause (oneself) to act or behave in a particular and especially in a controlled manner

*intransitive senses*

**1 of a road or passage** : to show the way : **LEAD**

**2 a** : to act as leader or director **b** : to have the quality of transmitting light, heat, sound, or electricity

- **con·duct·ibil·i·ty** /k&n-'d&kt-ē-'bi-lē-tē/ *noun*

- **con·duct·ible** /-'d&kt-ē-'bəl/ *adjective*

**synonyms** **CONDUCT**, **MANAGE**, **CONTROL**, **DIRECT** mean to use one's powers to lead, guide, or dominate. **CONDUCT** implies taking responsibility for the acts and achievements of a group <conducted negotiations>. **MANAGE** implies direct handling and manipulating or maneuvering toward a desired result <manages a meat market>. **CONTROL** implies a regulating or restraining in order to keep within bounds or on a course <controlling his appetite>. **DIRECT** implies constant guiding and regulating so as to achieve smooth operation <directs the store's day-to-day business>. **synonym** see in addition **BEHAVE**

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